

Raising Our Faith

Junior Disciples (4K/5K): During Sunday Mass

Youth Formation (Grades 1-5): Wednesdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Teen Formation (Grades 6-High School): Wednesdays 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Family Formation, Confirmation Prep, and Reconciliation/First Communion Prep: See Emailed Calendars

Snack & Recess

Youth Formation enjoys a short recess and snack time between their arrival and the time we start at 3:30. Thank you to all of the families donating pre-portioned snacks. The children love your contributions!

Absent?

Please call or email prior to class 608-884-3038, Option 2 or CRE@StJoeEdgerton.org

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The homework is due at each monthly Family Formation Group meeting. Late homework is accepted but highly discouraged as it puts your family further behind the group. You are NOT able to migrate between Family Formation groups or Weekly Formation, so please make the best decision for your family. The material for Family Formation differs from our Weekly Formation materials and all material purchases are made without planned extras so we don't waste any materials or church funds. (See Back for a short Q&A)

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Thanks for raising your children in the faith. ~Kim Jensen, CFF

GOD IS IN THE DETAILS

Lent is underway, now. I hope that all families have posted their children's Lent calendars in a prominent location. This will remind our youth and teens that they are to be preparing for Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Looking forward to next year, I am already collecting names of interest families, Lead Catechists, and assistant Catechists for the expansion of our Family Formation program. I am looking to use the small group model that we trialed this year as we have seen great results and lasting relationships resulting from the small group model. I know it seems early, but I need to place the order to the publisher by the end of April to ensure we are able to get the books we need due to their shortages in previous years.

WHAT IS FAMILY FORMATION?: Family Formation replaces weekly formation for your children. Parents review the weekly lessons prior to teaching it to their children. Then, they simplify any necessary concepts and lead the lesson in their home. Each lesson includes items that will be used as homework for that week. The homework is due at each monthly Family Formation Group meeting. Late homework is accepted but highly discouraged as it puts your family further behind the group. You are NOT able to migrate between Family Formation groups or Weekly Formation, so please make the best decision for your family. The material for Family Formation differs from our Weekly Formation materials and all material purchases are made without planned extras so we don't waste any materials or church funds. (See Back for a short Q&A)

- Thursday, March 2: Stations of the Cross @ 6:30PM
- Friday, March 3: Eucharistic Adoration after 8AM Mass
- Sunday, March 5: Junior Disciples Meet; Donut Sunday after Mass
- Tuesday, March 7: Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM - 8:30PM
- Wednesday, March 8: Youth and Teen Formation Meet
- Thursday, March 9: Stations of the Cross @ 6:30PM
- Sunday, March 12: Junior Disciples Meet
- Wednesday, March 15: Youth and Teen Formation Meet
- Thursday, March 16: Stations of the Cross @ 6:30PM
- Sunday, March 19: Junior Disciples Meet
- Wednesday, March 22: Youth and Teen Formation Meet
- Thursday, March 23: Stations of the Cross @ 6:30PM; Adult Fellowship Event 6:00-8:00PM
- Sunday, March 26: NO JUNIOR DISCIPLES
- Wednesday, March 29: NO FAITH FORMATION
- Thursday, March 30: Stations of the Cross @ 6:30PM
- Sunday, April 2: NO JUNIOR DISCIPLES; PALM SUNDAY; Donut Sunday after Mass
- Tuesday, April 4: Eucharistic Adoration 5:30PM - 8:30PM
- Wednesday, April 5: Youth and Teen Formation Meet

St. Joseph's General Calendar of Events

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday: After Mass Every Week - 7:00PM-end
Sunday: After Mass - 2nd and 3rd Sunday, ONLY
March 12 & 19; April 16

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:45PM @ St Joseph, Edgerton
Sunday: 10:30AM @ St Joseph, Edgerton

Life in Christ - March 2023 Pope Francis's Emphasis For Victims of Abuse

This month, Pope Francis calls for the world to pray for victims of abuse.

Pope Francis told a domestic abuse victim, "I see dignity in you because if you didn't have dignity, you wouldn't be here." Throughout our normal lessons as well as Theology of the Body lessons, we teach each child that every person is special to God and we all have value to Him. Since we love to surround children with talk of kind actions, include treating everyone with respect in your conversations with your children this month. Also remind them that if they find out someone is being hurt or treated badly by a peer or an adult, that they should talk about it to a trusted, safe adult.

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.
— Pope Francis

Family Task for the Month: My task this month is to continue the great work raising children that care about others and help those in need. The only thing I can think of adding is talking to your children about giving of their extra and include them in the task of giving to others.

FAMILY FORMATION Q&A

What is Family Formation?

Family Formation brings faith formation within the home. The materials provided include weekly lessons that are taught to the children by their adults and assignments. You complete the lessons based on your family's schedule.

What meetings do we need to attend?

No more Wednesday afternoon or Wednesday evening Formation meetings.

Instead, your family will come to a once-a-month family meeting at church which acts as a check-in while enriching the at-home formation material. Your actual monthly meeting dates are set by the Lead Catechist for your group.

Group? What are groups?

Our trial group this year was a small group with only 5 families containing 12 children total. We would prefer Family Formation small groups as they were able to connect with each other well throughout the year. If there is more interest than Catechist teams can lead, we will offer a Large Group format that will restrict some of the relationship building that is one of the goals with small group programs.

Who can enroll?

Our 2023-2024 Family Formation Program ages are Grades 1-12. Those younger than 1st grade will be supervised in the church nursery during the monthly meeting. Families enrolled in Family Formation with children age 4 through 5K are asked to enroll those children to our Junior Disciples program.

Can I be a Catechist for the same group my family attends?

Based on our experience, the Lead Catechist can run the group that their family attends. However, it is best if the Assistant Catechist doesn't have their family in that Family Formation group.

Assistant Catechist? What is that?

Assistant Catechists lead activities with the Grade 1-12 children in a separate room from the adults during the monthly meeting. The Lead Catechist gives them the activities to complete.

Communion of Saints - This Month's Celebrations

March 3:	Saint Katharine Drexel	March 18:	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
March 4:	Saint Casimir	March 19:	Solemnity of Saint Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 7:	Saints Perpetua and Felicity	March 20:	(Observed today as the 19th is a Sunday)
March 8:	Saint John of God	March 23:	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
March 9:	Saint Frances of Rome	March 25:	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
March 17:	Saint Patrick	April 2:	Solemnity of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion